# VITAL QUESTIONS IN FAR THE EAST ::

# What Japan Can Do in War

The Story of the Midnight Rush of the Japanese Torpedo Boats Into the Harbor of Wei-hai-wei.

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Whenever the Far Eastern bubble is blown bigger than usual, the whole world stops a moment to ask: What will happen when it bursts? Of the bayery of the Russian soldiers and of the daredvil recklessness of their officers, the schoolboy knows full well. Of the daring of the intrepid Japanese, the world has recently learned, and will never question it. A struggle between such troops would rock the old Continent.

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It was reserved for Japan to show the half-hidden dirkknife of modera naviescould do in war; and when the struggle comes with Russia such desperate midnight charges as those of February 5 and 6, 1895, which accomplished what the whole Japanese fleet could not accomplish in the great all-day battle of the Yalu, may be fully expected.

#### A Series of Victories.

The Japan-China war was a continual series of Japanese victories, ending in a thrilling climax at Wel-hai-wel, where this fleet which fought so valiantly in the great battle of the Yalu was destroyed, and China lost all control of the strategic Yellow Sea, which washed her northern boundaries. The story which precedes that climax is quickly told. The war was declared because China insisted upon throwing troops into Korea to suppress the depredations of an anti-Catholic band of plunderers which threatended Korea, as China was lately threatened by the rioting Boxers. Japanese troops instantly poured into southern Korea, and began an invasion from the southern end of that peninsula up into Manchuria, and down the next peninsula to the fortress at its southern extremity, the Gibraltar of the Yel-

loy Sea, Port Arthur. It was only a triumphant march, every point the Chinese army retired after more or less fighting, and the Rising Sun at last waved from the bat-tered walls of Port Arthur. In the meantime the fleets of the two antagonists had met off the mouth of the Yalu and the contest, while not entirely a satisfactory victory for the se, yet proved they were masters of the situation. The best of the Chinese fleet fought the day through with great heroism, and, though battered,

#### Sheltered at Wei-hai-wei.

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Chinese fire told severely. The No. 22 managed to discharge a second torpedo before beating a retreat. No. 9 had advancing upon Pekin save this squadron still lay in the harbor. As its capture was the advancing upon Pekin save this squadron still lay in the harbor. As its capture was the approached very near the Chinese fleet, army was now to be made triumphant by the work of the navy. From the This fleet consisted of the ironclad mental to the fall of the fortion of the start of the second torpedo discharge a second torpedo before beating a retreat. No. 9 had lights passed over them, but they were not discovered. The Kotaka and No. 23 but the torpedo discharge was found before beating a retreat. No. 9 had of the start of the second torpedo upon the big ships. Twice the search lights passed over them, but they were not discovered. The Kotaka and No. 23 but the torpedo discharge was found before beating a retreat to be force beating a managed to discharge a second torpedo lights passed over them, but they were tives in Martinsburg. W. Va. Mrs. E. J. Hartshorn returned to Kensington this week from Baltimore, where sington this week from Baltimore, where singular to the force of the second to the se of-war Ting-yuen, Chen-yuen, each of 25th of January to the fall of the fortithe same size as our New York; the dications about Wei-hai-wei the navy in the wake of No. 6. On nearing the larger, No. 13 being detailed to find Maryland, of which she is treasurer.

had so successfully commanded operations against Port Arthur. Fifty transports received the army at Tailenwar on the 19th and 20th of January, and, protected by the first and second flying and the main squadrons, departed for guarded the harbor and also upon the slowly in the dark a Chinese torpedo

The attack on Wel-hal-wei was made by both land and naval forces. Wei-hai-wei is situated near the extreme end of the Shantung promontory. Behind the end of the promontory is the little harbor in Tunching Bay. To this point the transports made their way. The landing was successfully effected by p. m. of the 20th. It was understood that the total available Chinese force about Wel-hal-wel numbered less than To meet these a division and a brigade were landed at Tunching Bay. The first operation was the capture of the town of Yunching, situated eight miles from the bay, which was made a Japanese base of operations.

## At the Base of Operations.

On the 25th the entire army arrived at the base of operations and on the same

day Marshal Oyama also arrived.
On the following day the advance was The land forces were divided into two columns, the right and left. The former, commanded by Lieutenant General Kuroki, was ordered forward slong the coast road by way of the towns Keukeh, Shih-hea-ho, and Paouhea to the strategic height to the south east of Wei-hai-wei harbor, Pohchih yaisu. The left column, under the com-mand of Lieutenant General Sakuma, was ordered to the same destination by a route lying farther inland, by way of villages of Kunghea, Keatowsae, Chang-hea-kowtse. By the 29th each column accomplished its duty and the fortified heights about the bay of Wei-hai-wei alone were left in posse

Wei-hai-wei alone were left in possession of the enemy.

Defended by Hills.

Wei-hai-wei harbor is a regular indendation, oval in outline, defended on either side by high hills. The mouth of the harbor is defended by a large island, Liukung Island, and the northwest promontory which is the narrow entrance, defended by the small island Hwang, and between the Liukung Island and the southeast promontory, which is the successful operation in all the principal cities of the United States. Call and the Washington office, 1225 New York Avenue, and inspect the testimonals for the Hills and went on failed to keep up the fight, but the Chisand entrance, defended by the Jih Island. The former is the western, the latter the eastern entrance.

According to the official Chinese report of 1832 there were then fifty-five guns.

the east coast of the mainland toward vivors abandoned the No. 9 and sped the, eastern entrance to the harbor. It was the second and third Japanese torpedo flotillas creeping under cover of the fire of the gunboats to their deadly mediately. Wrecked by No. 9 and No. Work. The third flotilla led the way.

The night before it had visited the

nor by the fortifications on the main-tcharged. The last was launched with-land, now in Japanese hands. But there was another alternative. And its suc-cessful realization will remain one of proportionate to the dangers it had the most thrilling and brave deeds of modern naval history, the torpedo boat charge.

On the early morning of the 5th the gunboats Chokai and Atago began firing gineers and stokers being killed. The upon the Chinese fleet. The previous days had been stormy, but the waters no longer steam, the remaining crew were smooth now and the moon shone down brightly upon the sea. In its white light there might have been seen a thin line moving down cautiously near the east coast of the mainland toward the sea together.

The work having not been completely The night before it had visited the mouth of the eastern entrance for the purpose of cutting away the steel boom which the Chinese had stretched from the harbor on the following night. Bethink the Jin Island to both the mainland and lieving that the Chinese fleet would be Liukung Island. As the moon went down at 3 o'clock the boats crept out from behind the headland and made for the inlet opened for them in the boom. This the third found presently and the boats entered the harbor in the following order: No. 6 and No. 22 abreast the first washes concerning them. Sail-

# WEI-HAI-WEI HARBOR.



Reproduced From a Japanese Drawing Showing the Japanese Fleet Bombarding the Landward Forts.

staggered away from the battleground the heights about Wei-hal-wei and the safely and in a few months were affoat again and ready for another defeat.

It was in part a reduplication of the lit was in part a reduplication of the lit was in part a reduplication of the lit was in part a reduplication. It was in part a reduplication of the Pyeng-yang battle in Korea, each height taken being turned upon the next in order. At no point did the Chinese Chinese fleet sailed across the Straits order. At he point of their boasted of Pechilli to the sheltered, commodious prowess nor of the strong position which harbor of Wei-hai-wei, where England has lately raised her flag, where they lay in wait for the Japanese fleet, compelled by despicable instructions from possession. On the 31st preparations of the impossession of the conquest of the impossession. Pekin to remain within a radius which were made for the conquest of the im-allowed them neither the power to fight mediate coast and the surrounding for-

The Wel-hal-wel expedition was put trances of the harbor that the Chinese fleet might not escape.

## A Combined Attack.

fleet upon the Island fortifications which own account. As it was gliding on

WEIHAIWEI

guns; Jih Island, two disappearing guns; Island, two disappearing guns; Hwang Island, two disappearing guns; third flotilia. Behind them came Nos. 8 second invasion of the harbor.

It is unnecessary to enter into a detail
Torpedo boat No. 22 headed the line as boats Nos. 23, 13, 11, and 7; also the Hwang Island, six guns.

It is unnecessary to enter into a detailed account of the successive assaults of it went silently in among the Chinese Kotaka.

#### Favored by Darkness.

guards, a gunboat and a torpedo boat. over it. Thus the Nos. 23, 13, 11 and By the faint rays of light emitted from Kotaka comprised the actual attacking their windows the great hulks of the force. Chinese men-of-war could be seen against the black side of Liukung Island. Toward these No. 22 turned her allowed them neither the power to fight at advantage nor to retreat except into the deathtrap harbor behind them.

Japan flushed with victory, could not rest easy until this fleet was destroyed, and orders soon came from Tokyo to the army and navy at Port Arthur to capture Wei-hai-wei and annihilate the fleet which was seeking refuge there;

But the Pei-ho squadron still lay in the barbor. As its capture was the before beating a retreat No. 9 had lights passed over them, but they were and any to retreat except into the deather power to fifest and the surrounding fortifications. This was done during the prow, the rest following. They were to difficulty and small loss. On the 2d of February with little difficulty and small loss. On the 2d of February to detected until No. 22 discharged a torqued. The fire of the enemy was to prowed the prow, the rest following. They were diffections. This was done during the two days following, with little difficulty and small loss. On the 2d of February torpedo. The fire of the capture of this second greatest Chinese not where to aim. Soon, however, the attacking boats were placed and the Continuously over the water. Under the harbor. As its capture was the before beating a retreat. No. 9 had lights passed over them, but they were tifications. This was done during the two days following. They were and the surrounding for-tifications. This was done during the two days following. They were diffected until No. 22 discharged a trandom to occasionally they fired at random to occasionally they fired at random to detected until No. 22 discharged a trandom to occasionally they fired at random to occasionally they fired at r

## The Fortune of No. 9.

But the event of the night was the The naval operations began in earnest on the 3d by a combined attack of the flotilla and went on a search of her

The moon went down at 2:30 o'clock on the morning of the 16th. Immediately the line of boats came out from the It was pitch dark. The heights behind the shore could not be recognized even in outline. Liukung Island lay to the right, but was invisible. The darkness favored the cause. Near the mouth of the entrance lay the Chinese guards a graphet and the shore that the shadow of the eastern headland and made silently in the dark for the inlet through the boom. One boat failed to make the entrance. No. 23 struck the boom, but, putting on full steam, rode over it. Thus the Nos. 23 13 11 and

The Chinese were on strict watch for ironclads Wei-yuen, Lai-yuen, and Ching-yuen, nine other ships and a torpedo flotilla.

Off for China's Coast.

age. The other boats had better fortune. No. 23 managed to get very near the Wei-yuen. It slowed speed to render its blow more sure. The torpedo took instant effect, and the boat was sunk. The steel battleship Lai-vuen was destroyed by the Kotaka and No. 11. transport completed the loss sustained on this night by the Chinese fleet. The four torpedo boats escaped from the attack unharmed. Though fired at freely, they bore charmed lives and anchored safely with the fleet, amid great cheering, as dawn began to break.

## Irreparable Losses.

The Chinese squadron had sustained irreparable losses by the Japanese torpedo flotilla, and the remainder of the program at Wel-hal-wei was soon exe- FOR CONSUMPTION cuted. Each day witnessed a heavy bom bardment of the forts on the islands, and men were set to work severing the boom which lay across the eastern entrance. The Chinese torpedo flotilla was captured while attempting to escape from the harbor under cover of the dense smoke which arose during the bombardment by the Yoshino. The fire from the land defenses added to the discomforts of the cornered fleet. Two shells friom a fort on the eastern he land burst simultaneously on the Chingyuen, and she sank forthwith.
On the 12th a small boat, flying a white

flag, with the Yellow Dragon, brought Commander Ching Pelh-kwang to the Matsushima, flagship of the Japanese squadron, with a letter of surrender from Admiral Ting. Admiral Ito replied favorably. Commander Ching returned on the 13th, bearing a note from Admiral Ting, thanking the Japanese admiral for acceding to his requests, namely, the preservation of the lives of soldiers and foreigners on the islands. mander Ching then announced that, up-on writing this note and communicating mander Ching then announced that, upon writing this note and communicating
with Li Hung Chang, the brave but distion Apparatus, is now in successful use
in thousands of American homes. This

of 1883 there were then fifty-five guns be destroyed either by the fleet without Before retreating another was dis- cupation of Port Arthur.

# ELECTRIC TRAIN RUN AT ENORMOUS SPEED

Over One Hundred and Seventeen Miles an Hour Made for Hours at Recent Trial in Germany.

United States Consul General Mason Berlin, Germany, has sent to the Department of Commerce and Labor an interesting report on the experiments in high-speed electric traction at Berlin. He described the experiments conducted in 1901, at which a speed of 93.2 miles per saw

hour was reached, at which pace the track began to yield to the enormous

tors, etc., have have been made, and a series of trials was made this month, beginning at 93.2 miles-the highest speed reached two years ago-and ran for miles at the unprecedented rate of 189 kilometers (117.32 miles) an hour. Every part of the installation—transformers, motors, car, track, and recording instruments-worked to perfection; the swaying movement was scarcely to ticeable, and, according to the verba reports of those who were privileged to

gree than on an ordinary express train "It is hardly too much to assume says General Mason, "that the tech-nical problem of electric traction speed up to 100 and more miles per hour is successfully solved for all localities where straight and reasonably level and

from vibration, wind pressure, or other

#### MONTGOMERY COUNTY NOTES

well-guarded railway lines can be pr

BOYDS, Md., Oct. 24.-Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Ray, formerly of Texas and now of Washington, are visiting Mr. and

Mrs. W. W. Lewis, of Washington, and her daughter, Nettie, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Williams. Miss Amy S. Richardson and sister, of Washington, are guests of Mrs. Sara E. Boyd and Mrs. M. J. Maughlin nere. Miss Ella Welsh is visiting friends in

Washington and Baltimore.
O. J. Moat, of Baltimore, is stopping with relatives at Clarksburg.
Miss Edith Totten, daughter of Mrs. Mary Howe Totten, of "Winderbourne

their beautiful summer home here, is visiting in Auburndale, Mass. Mrs. William E. Wall is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Stanley D. Embich, at Fort Monroe, Va.

ome at Barnesville from Boston, Mass., where she has been visiting for some Miss Lillie Tyson has returned to Frederick after a visit to friends at

Miss Sallie Brown has returned to her

accompanied by her father, Mr. W. V. Weaver, has left for Pine Ridge Agency, South Dakota, where she will join her

Miss Lucy V. Herndon and Charles Herndon, of Fredericksburg, Va., are stopping at Rockville for the winter. Mrs. Alice Walker Scanlon, of Mar-shalltown, Iowa, who has been visiting relatives at Browningsville, returne ome this week.

Muller Walker and Mrs. Walker have left for Baltimore, where they will re side permanently.

county, with his wife, will move to

Mrs. W. L. Priddy and Miss Mary

to spend the winter with his mother Mrs. Frank B. Figgins. He has been Mrs. Philip Darnellle, of Washington is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. William M. Reading, at Rockville.

Mrs. Mahlon T. Lewis has returned

from Laurel, where she has been visiting relatives. Miss Libby Burdine, of Baltimore

been the guest of Miss Vinnie Watkins

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### FIRE IN PARIS TUNNEL CREATES EXCITEMENT

PARIS, Oct. 24.—This city had another fire in an underground railway station this morning, and for a time there was great excitement, as a report gained cir culation that the holocaust of last August had been repeated.

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This report proved without foundation, however, as no injuries have been reported. The blaze started at 5 o'clock this morning in the Champs Elysee tunnel, and was caused by electric wires becoming crossed.

antional, State, and city authorities to stamp out the bubonic plague in San Francisco, one or more cases of the disease is discovered each month. There were four cases in July, one in each of the three following months, and there have been two this month, the latest occurring on Tuesday.

PADEREWSKI NOT BANKRUPT. BERLIN, Oct. 24.-A dispatch from

#### PLAGUE IN FRISCO DESPITE PRECAUTIONS

Dread Disease Again Breaks Out at Golden Gate.

Despite the strenuous efforts by the national. State, and city authorities to

#### "ERA" CHANGES ITS MIND.

CAMBRIDGE. Oct. 24.-The "Era." Posen says there is no truth in the story that Paderewski has lost his fortune. He is still the chief stockholder in the Bristol, the finest hotel in Warsaw, and has landed properties in Galicia.

which printed the regular Republican ticket as its campaign slogan, has hauled down the banner and announced itself as an independent Republican paper, saying the adoption of the regular ticket was a mistake and premature.

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